OXYTETRACYCLINE :		
(i)	750.00	19-10-1990
(ii)	765.00	25-9-1991
(iii)	827.00	21-1-1992
(iv)	1024.00	4-1-1993

(d) No, Sir.

Trade Commission under DPCO

3871. SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU : Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have not specified maximum trade commission under DPCO, 1987 ;

(b) whether it is also a fact that producers are charging high prices for medicines as they have to pay high trade commission;

(c) whether it is a fact that the Ministry has conducted study on Trade Commission; if so, what is the variation in Trade Commission of the total expenditure during 1991-92; and

(d) whether it is a fact that Commission would work out to 50% of the ex-factory cost which is the highest paid by any industry and if so, what steps have been taken to restrict the commission ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO) : (a) and (b) In accordance with the provisions of the Drugs (Prices Control) Order 1987, maximum allowable post manufacturing expenses (MAPE) are specified for all price controlled formulations. No maximum rate for trade commissions is specified, as this forms a Part of MAPE.

(c) and (d) A Committee constituted by the Ministry under the Chairmanship of the Director General, National Council of Applied Economic Research had submitted it Report in March, 1990 regarding the trade margins in pharmaceutical industry. The data studied by the Committee, therefore, pertains to the period before this date.

Import of Antibiotic and Cardiovascular Drugs

3872. SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU : Will the MINISTER OF CHEMICALS & FERTILIZERS be pleased to state :

(a) what are the antibiotic and cardiovascular drugs that are still being imported;

(b) what was their quantity CIF value and landed cost of imports during each of the last three years, yearwise;

(c) whether it is a fact that their import is increasing year after year; if so, the reasons therefor;

(d) whether industrial approvals have been granted for the manufacture of any one of them and if so, the names of the companies, date of industrial approval of each and what is the progress of implementation in each case;

(e) what are the names of the finished medicines falling under the two therapeutic groups which are being imported and what was their quantity and CIF value of imports during the last three years, yearwise; and

(f) what are the drugs which are under price control and what is the price of leader formulation of each drug ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO) : (a) to (f) A large number of drugs are imported for conversion to formulations for domestic use as well as for exports. Such drugs also include some antibiotics and cardiovascular drugs which are not manufactured in the country. The time and efforts involved in the collection of voluminous data relating to their names, quantities, cif values and landed costs of these antibiotics and cardiovascular drugs imported during the last three years as well as details of industrial approvals granted for their manufacture and the progress of the implementation of the industrial approvals and further the drugs under price control with details of the prices of leader formulations for each of these drugs is not likely to be commensurate with the results likely to be achieved.

Shifting of fertilizer units to Gulf Countries

3873. SHRI KRISHAN LAL SHARMA : Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that some fertilizer units functioning in the country have decided to shift their units to Gulf Countries;

(b) if so, what are the names and details of these units;

(c) what will be the effect of this move on country's economy; and

(d) what are the steps being contemplated to offset the loss, if any, as a result of the move ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND